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Addendum

1. The purpose of this second addendum to my report of 2 October 1991 is to follow up on two issues that had remained pending. The first concerns the Iraqi border police posts that are on the Kuwaiti side on the boundary line shown on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) map or closer than 1,000 metres to that line (S/23106, paras. 23 and 35). The second concerns the collecting of mines by Iraqis in the Iraqi as well as the Kuwaiti parts of the demilitarized zone (DMZ) and in some cases well outside the DMZ in Kuwaiti territory (see S/23106/Add.1).

2. On my instructions, Major-General Günther G. Greindl last week again took up both issues with the Iraqi authorities.

3. In the matter of the police posts, the Iraqi authorities reiterated their position that the posts had been in place before 2 August 1990 and that they would not be pulled back because of the political implications. They added that the matter would be settled by the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission's decision regarding the course of the border. In the meantime, the border police were under orders to avoid any clashes.

4. With regard to the collecting of mines, the Iraqi authorities undertook to do everything necessary to prevent uncontrolled collection and to notify UNIKOM in advance of any future mine clearing in the DMZ. UNIKOM observed no collecting of mines on Kuwaiti territory after 10 October 1991 and none at all after 11 October.

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